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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:			
1. SOURCE was born on 15 May 1926 in PIRMASENS (4912N-0737E). He attended 8 Years of elementary school in his native place and after graduation he attended for one year the food processing branch of a local trade school. After having worked for one year in a butchery he was conscripted into the German Army in Sep 42 and served in the liaison staff of the 20th Estonian SS Armored Infantry Division and held the rank of Sgt when captured by the Soviet Army in Sep 44. SOURCE had graduated from his apprenticeship as a butcher, but expected to enter German Customs Office as a clerk. He could understand Russian rather well and was able to speak everyday Russian.			
2. After being captured SOURCE was confined in a mixed PW and civilian prison camp #286/II in TALLIN (5926N-2445E) from Oct 44 to Jan 45. He was confined together with Estonian PWs and civilians and worked in the local harbor and on the airfield and had close contacts with Estonian prisoners and free workers. From Jan 45 to May 45 he was confined in PW #135/I in ATHME (5919N-2728E) and was detailed to work in this camp, thus having no contacts with the civilian population. From May 45 to Nov 45 SOURCE was confined in PW Camp #289/I in KOHTLA-YARVE (5924N-2715E) and worked in an oil shale mine as a miner together with Estonian and Russian workers. From Nov 45 to Aug 46 SOURCE was interned in PW Camp #289/V in LAVASSAARE (approximate coordinates 5831N-2418E) and detailed to work as a helper with a peat cutting machine in marsh, where he worked together with Russian and Estonian free workers. From Aug 46 to Oct 46 he was confined in PW Camp #289/II in KUKRUSE (5924N-2723E) and was detailed to work in a kolkhoz in VANAYARVE (coordinates unknown), from Oct 46 to Sep 47 he worked in a kolkhoz in EDISE (approximate coordinates 5923N-2724E), being confined in the same PW camp in KUKRUSE. As an inmate of the mentioned PW camp #289/II he was detailed to work in the oil shale mine in KUKRUSE from Sep 47 to Nov 49. In the last mentioned three places he had close contacts with Estonian and Russian workers. From Nov 49 to Jun 50 SOURCE was confined in the "PARTEI" prison in TALLIN and had contact only with German PW prisoners. For nine days in Jun 50 he was confined in the transit prison "PEREZILKA" in LENINGRAD (5956N-3020E) in a cell together with Russians, Estonians and Latvians. From Jun 50 to Jan 51 SOURCE was confined in the Soviet forced labor camp #7210/7 in VORKUTA (6730N-6400E) and worked in a coal mine in this area. During his confinement he had close contact with Soviet forced laborers of various nationalities. From Jan 51 to Apr 52 SOURCE was confined in PW Penal Camp #6110/I in BOROVICHI (5824N-3355E) and was detailed to work in a coal mine as a miner. He worked in this mine together with Soviet free workers. From Apr 52 to Sep 53 SOURCE was confined			
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SOURCE stated that all camp inmates were controlled inside the camp area by the criminal administrators, who often demanded from other prisoners their better clothing articles, food, and money. All those who resisted were killed immediately by them, stabbing them with self-made knives. No guard or MVD officer or guard dared to enter the camp area and forced laborers needed were asked to come out of camp in shouting their names at entrance. SOURCE was the eye witness of a case, when a "BLATNOI" entered the camp kitchen and asked for fat. The cook dared to say that this is needed for soup and was stabbed to death immediately. The criminal inmates of this camp often played cards and the loser of the play had to kill the next night some certain forced laborer, arbitrarily picked out. Those killings were always carried out, otherwise the man who failed would have been killed himself by his companion. The inmates of this camp were awakened at 0400 hours, then the distribution of food followed at 0500 hours, after which the forced laborers were taken out to a coal mine for work from 0600 hours to 1800 hours. Since Oct or Nov 50 the inmates of this camp worked from 0600 to 1600 hours, as they were detailed into three shifts. The forced laborers confined in this camp received the following daily rations: 500 grams bread, 1 liter soup, and 200 grams porridge. The daily coal production quota was 6 ton of coal per man, per day. The forced laborers were paid for their work and could nominally earn wages ranging from 1,500 to 4,000 Rubles. For food and accommodation 456 Rubles were held back on various pretexts. For the earned and obtained money the forced laborers could buy the following commodities: bread at a cost of 2.60 Rubles per kg, margarine 36 to 40 Rubles per kg, packages of cigarettes containing 10 cigarettes for 0.85 Rubles packages containing 20 cigarettes for 1.10 or 1.45 Rubles, cigarette paper in packages of 50 sheets 0.15 Rubles, and "MAKHORKA" tobacco in 50 gram packages in two qualities for 0.65 or 0.85 Rubles. Often the "BLATNOI" supervisors took off most of the money obtained. The Estonian forced laborers were segregated in Sep or Oct 50 and transported to an area north of the described camp. A camp guard told one of them that they become "KATARZHANY" a kind of forced laborers always kept in chains, who had to work for 18 hours daily. SOURCE heard from his fellow forced laborers that "KATARZHANY" obtained reduced food rations of 200 grams bread and 1/2 liter soup daily. SOURCE occasionally met on his way to mine groups of "KATARZHANY" and stated that among them were also several Germans. One of them answered, when questioned whether he was a Russian, stated that he was a German. SOURCE heard from his fellow forced laborers that all German forced laborers were taken out of a certain northern area in Jan 51, when he left the area and were brought to a PW camp in BOROVICHI.

24. SOURCE stated that he met in "PEREZILKA" prison in Jun 50 two Americans, both 20 to 22 years old. One of them was a German-American and spoke fluent German. He had been a college student and had served in a US Army Unit in BERLIN. The other spoke only a few words of German and was a native of NEW YORK (4043N-7401E) and was also a US soldier. They had been on a spree and mistakingly entered the Soviet Sector of BERLIN. They were arrested immediately, tried by a Soviet court and sentenced to 25 years forced labor for alleged espionage. The German speaking G.I. explained that they wrote letters almost daily to Soviet Authorities protesting against this sentence and declared that they cannot be sentenced under Soviet Law. They never received an answer and were convinced that their appeals were not conveyed to proper authorities, but held back in this prison. These Americans seemed exhausted, but not hopeless.

26. SOURCE stated that he was captured by the Soviet Army in Sep 44 in the area of MOISAKULA (approximate coordinates 5805N-2510E) together with 2,800 other members of the German Army. They planned to break through the Soviet Army front hundreds of kilometers south of it and join the retreating German Troops, but were surrounded by overwhelming Soviet Army units and after having exhausted their ammunition, surrendered. Many Estonians among this group committed suicide. When this PW marching group was en route to PAERNU (5822N-2340E) once they were

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